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THE ADMINISTRATION RAPPED IN STATE ELECTIONS.

UNCLE SAM, WORLD FINANCIER.

Attention is drawn by a Honolulu banker to the small size of the half-billion dollar loan compared to the national wealth of the United States, bank deposits or value of farm products. Indeed, the richest country in the world can lend half a billion dollars without more than a ripple in financial circles. Since the war started, not only has the United States steered easily clear of a financial panic, but has wiped out the floating debt of \$350,000,000 due Europe on January 1 and absorbed between \$750,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 of American securities which up to a few months ago were held abroad, but which were hurriedly re-sold to raise war funds.

The comptroller of the treasury estimates that the income of the people of the United States available for investment amounts to \$5,000,000,000 a year. This is all in excess of the income devoted to living expenses, and the people of the United States are notoriously living on a scale which could probably be cut in half in the case of several million people.

These figures indicate the comparative affluence of this country at a time when the Allies are borrowing abroad and the Teutons are "living on their expenses" as one banker put it. The conclusion is that after the war the United States must finance the world to replace the tremendous amount of material wealth which has been destroyed.

A CHAIRMAN'S CONVERSION.

James Hay, representative in congress from the seventh Virginia district, has taken notice, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. This is more important than it may seem at first thought. Hay is chairman of the house committee on military affairs.

Earlier in the summer Chairman Hay in a widely criticised interview declared that he had "not found among the people any real demand for changing our present policy for providing for national defense." The man who, above almost any other in the new house, should be influential in framing new legislation for the better defense of the country thus early showed himself out of harmony with prevailing national thought on the subject.

But last week Hay made an address to the people of his own district at New Market. He told his auditors that he stood with President Wilson on the subject of defense and would be guided largely by the president's recommendations. He denied with emphasis that he intended to embarrass the administration, only reserving the right not to be "stampeded" into support of a stronger military policy.

This is better. The chairman's first statement smacked too strongly of ultra-pacifism to suit the spirit of the time in the United States. It appeared to suggest strongly an indefinite continuation of pork barrel methods in military legislation. The Hay attitude as first announced is precisely what has perpetuated useless army posts and superfluous navy yards; it has helped increase fraudulent pensions while starving the active military establishment to the point of impotence.

The seventh district Virginian does well to join the procession. The new congress has a big task to perform in way of giving the country better military preparedness; it needs the co-operation of the head of the committee on military affairs. Mr. Hay has an opportunity to lead which ought to be a more satisfactory role than the one certain to fall to him had he persisted in his original attitude of blindness toward a grave national necessity.

WHAT PUBLICITY SHOWS.

"Publicity will cure epidemics of disease that spread through indifference or desire to conceal the plague spots. It will also cure epidemics of political indifference that make gang rule possible and result in the criminal waste of the money paid into the city treasury out of on the light! And again, turn the light on!" says the Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

Publicity also shows where efficiency is subordinated to politics; where pull and favoritism weigh more heavily than discipline in certain parts of Honolulu's government. For instance, the road department.

All signs point to a fine young filibuster in the charter convention next week.

You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him feed.

Two state elections recently have resulted in anything but a satisfactory manner for supporters of the Democratic national administration. New Jersey and Maryland have both gone against the Wilsonites and in both states it was recognized that the issues were something more than local, inasmuch as the administration had interested itself actively.

In Maryland the old fight between the Wilson "progressives" led by Senator Blair Lee, and the Smith forces was revived, with victory for the Smith men. Senator Lee is a strong Wilson supporter, one of his mainstays in the senate and it is well understood that the president was interesting himself in the Maryland election. Nevertheless the tide set strongly the other way.

The New Jersey balloting on woman suffrage is not without national significance. Here the president voted for woman suffrage. Though he was careful to emphasize that he voted not as president but as a private citizen, the fact is that it was expected his example would be a powerful factor in swinging a big vote in the same direction.

That the administration's influence was expected to be possibly the deciding force is shown by an editorial in the New York World, a strong pro-Wilson newspaper, a few days before the election. The World said:

Not as president or as party leader but as a citizen of New Jersey called upon to express his conviction at the polls, Mr. Wilson announces that he is favorable to woman suffrage and will vote for it. His remarks also his well-known opinion that the question should be settled by the states and that in no circumstances should the issue be made a party one.

Modest as it is, the effect of this announcement cannot fail to be far-reaching. It will be of immense assistance to the suffrage movement, for it comes from a man whose courage and sincerity are known and not as from one of his predecessors who first vehemently opposed the ballot for women and then, when in desperate straits for a bolting candidate, endorsed the proposition. In spite of his praiseworthy attempt to remove the question of equal suffrage from the sphere of party politics, if Mr. Wilson is to be a candidate for re-election he and his party will naturally profit by his act as a private citizen of New Jersey.

Yet New Jersey beat woman suffrage by a tremendous vote, something like 50,000 majority, and in only one county did the proposition carry.

If these two samples furnish any dependable indication of what the administration's influence is in state elections, the World's comment that Mr. Wilson and his party will profit is to be taken with the reverse English.

CHINA'S IMPENDING REVOLT.

Always dissatisfied with the rule of President Yuan Shih-Kai, the southern provinces of China have found a specific cause of grievance in the apparent drift of the country toward monarchy. Dr. Sun Yat Sen, though driven from his home and forced to go into hiding in cognito, still has many supporters. These discover a rallying-ery in "No Monarchy," and Yuan's recent equivocal utterances give them reason to believe that he is secretly encouraging the move to abrogate the republic.

That Dr. Sun found refuge in Japan and has secured a measure of protection from the Japanese government is well-known. It is to Japan's material interest to see China torn with revolution, for that gives opportunity for further extension of the "spheres of influence." It is hardly likely, so far as Japan is concerned, that the impending revolt in the south will be treated purely as an internal question for China to settle alone.

Judge Cooper's resignation as director of the 1916 Mid-Pacific Carnival is much to be regretted. However, as it is definite, beyond hope of withdrawal, the only thing to do is to get another director and continue the work already well started.

Our idea of a suspicious disposition is one which insists that the Democrats still intend in their hearts to put sugar on the free list next spring.

The shot heard around the world is a back number since the wireless telephone makes the whisper heard round the world, too.

China didn't get into a war with Japan but just to keep up with the times is starting a civil war of its own.

The rolling stone gathers no moss but it has come in mighty handy in the Italian mountain warfare.

Dr. Sun again appears on the horizon.

BERT BOWER NOT FREE, ALTHOUGH SEEN ON STREET

Honolulu Now Serving Prison Sentence, Taken to Court to Testify

Yesterday the appearance of George A. ("Bert") Bower emerging from the doors of the Criterion saloon at 11:30 in the morning astonished many people to whom he was known and who also knew that he was supposed to be serving a three and a half year sentence in the Oahu prison. There was much comment upon the matter and a great deal of wonder as to the reasons for Bower's apparent excursion into the land of freedom.

It was claimed today, however, that Bower was at every moment yesterday accompanied by a guard from the prison. He had left the prison in order to testify at a damage suit in federal court. He went into the saloon only to use the washroom, was under the surveillance of the guard at that time, and did not go up to the bar, said prison officials.

In contradiction to this, however, the Star-Bulletin has the statement of an entirely reliable eye witness that Bower stood at the bar and drank.

COMMISSIONS TO MEET ON MONDAY AND SWAP IDEAS

For the purpose of discussing the water situation in Honolulu and comparing whatever data has already been secured, the Oahu Loan Fund Commission recently appointed by the governor, and the Honolulu Water Investigation Commission appointed by Mayor Lane will hold a joint meeting in the office of the superintendent of public works next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Considerable material has been secured by each commission since its last meeting, the Loan Fund Commission having visited the present water and sewer system, and the city commission having paid a visit to Waihole to secure data of that district. L. A. Thurston is chairman of the latter body, and Charles R. Forbes of the former.

GRADUATES OF M'KINLEY GIVE DANCE TONIGHT

Those former students who are graduates of the McKinley high school will be hosts at a benefit dance at the Outrigger Club tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. It is reported today that more than 200 tickets are sold.

During the last several years the "old grads" of McKinley have been at work raising money for a tennis court to be presented to the high school. It is believed that tonight's dance will sufficiently fill the coffers of the alumni association so as to permit the immediate building of the court.

The dance will be held in the new pavilion at the club. A Hawaiian quartet will furnish music and refreshments will be served.

Henry A. Asch, chairman, Fred Bailey and Miss Ethel Carter compose the committee in charge of the dance.

Personal Mention

PAUL SUPER, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has been confined to his home for two days on account of illness.

C. J. MCCARTHY, territorial treasurer, who has been attending the insurance congresses in San Francisco, and incidentally visiting the exposition, is expected to return to Honolulu in the Wilhelmina next Tuesday morning.

MR. and MRS. ZENO K. MYERS,

START BUILDING OF INSPECTOR'S OFFICE AT ONCE

Construction work on the territorial inspector's office at the foot of Fort street, where the new concrete piers, 8, 9 and 10 are to be placed, will begin at once, according to an announcement yesterday by Superintendent Forbes of the public works department.

As the matter of placing the several hundred sampans which are in the harbor and which are to be removed has not been definitely settled, it is now planned to have them tie up at Pier 16 with final disposition of them as soon as a quorum of the harbor board is again in the territory. "I hope that will be soon," says the superintendent, "for there is much work piling up already."

Thomas Church, E. E. Bodge and C. J. McCarthy, all members of the board, are now away. It is hoped that the Lord-Young Engineering Company, which has been awarded the contract, will begin work at once on the piers. Forbes says that the question of safeguarding the yards of the Associated Oil Company from fire has been settled, the company having agreed to make immediate efforts to put the plant in order. C. L. Coppage of San Francisco, sales manager for the company, has given directions for the remodeling work, and bids on it will soon be asked for.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

HARRY E. MURRAY: We now have in operation about 900 water meters all over the city, and for these meters we have about 15 or 20 kicks or protests against rates and wrong readings. About five months ago we had 230 meters with an average of 100 protests.

CAPT. HENRI BERGER: As a man who has fought as a German soldier I want to say that the report that a woman has been shot while lying on the ground, by a German, is unbelievable. Executed—yes, but not in the way the report has come from London. It cannot be true.

ROBERT HORNER: I understand that the Japanese who own the garage near Beretania and Nuuanu streets have made the offer to plot the little piece of vacant ground there with grass provided the billboards are removed. It is a good idea for the beautification of the city and ought to be looked into.

BENJAMIN F. HOLLINGER: I haven't forgotten my request to Aylett, the garbage collector, that he vacate his present offices for Vierra, superintendent of the parks, schools and playgrounds, and I am going to have another talk with Supervisor Ahia. If that doesn't bring the required results a resolution is possible.

R. W. AYLETT: Garbage collecting is hardest during wet weather, both on account of the fact that the garbage is heavier, and because the roads make harder pulling. As to days in the week, Monday is the hardest because we have two days' gatherings then. Seasons make no difference whatever, as they do in the States.

F. B. FRIETAS: I noticed in the morning paper that some scientist at the Smithsonian Institute is credited with saying that the land shell snails of Hawaii do not sing. I'd like to say that anyone in Hawaii who makes a practise of shell hunting knows that they do sing. The crickets sing, too, but they sing faster than the snails. That's the way we find them, by listening for their singing.

RAYMOND C. BROWN: One of the supervisors recently took A. P. Taylor to task for stating that the road around this island was in bad shape. I wonder if that supervisor has himself been around the road recently to know whether the remark of Mr. Taylor was correct or not. I went around the island yesterday and I want to say that the road from here to Hauula is not good in any place, is bad in all places, and rotten in most places.

Robert Ames, taken to a morgue in New Orleans and prepared for burial after being found under a collapsed building, caused a panic when he came to life and fought attendants in an effort to escape.

who have been visiting in California for the last two and one-half months, will arrive home on the Wilhelmina next Tuesday. They spent some time at the exposition and also recuperated at Lake Tahoe.

FINISH WAR GAME SUNDAY MORNING; PROBLEM SOLVED

Fourth Cavalry Already Marching Home; Other Branches Break Camp Tomorrow

Tomorrow the war game will be over and the men of the army on Oahu will come marching back to barracks after hard campaigning in the hills and on the plains. The 4th Cavalry began the return march this morning and will probably be in some time to camp. Early tomorrow morning the field artillery and the infantry will break camp and start back to headquarters.

The maneuvers were highly successful, according to army officers, and the problems which the soldiers went out to solve were all satisfactorily worked out. Unlike most maneuvers, there were no "blue" and "red" armies fighting against each other. The whole of the maneuvers was devoted to the solution of certain military problems given the field forces by headquarters. No time was set for the end of the work, that being dependent upon the solving of the problems.

Rain has been prevalent since the maneuvers began, and has occasioned some discomfort in the field. The camps were all well drained, and the men did not suffer much, though the showers were at times disagreeable.

Luxuries for officers have been dispensed with in camp, under recent war department rules, and the company officers now fare about as the men do. No more are they allowed big, comfortable wall tents, with chairs, beds, desks and other comforts. They now sleep in the "pup" tents, just as the men do, and at these maneuvers many officers had for the first time the experience of crawling into a tent just big enough to cover them and sleeping on a blanket spread out on the ground.

CLAIMS JOHNSON POINTED GUN AND ASKED FOR CASH

Chauffeur Makes Charge of Attempted Hold-up Against Schofield Private

R. Johnson, private in the machine gun platoon stationed at Schofield Barracks, is being held by the army authorities until full investigation can be made of the charge that he attempted to hold up L. A. Lobell, a chauffeur, at the corner of King and Bethel streets Wednesday night. Johnson was arrested by Officer Sizemore at the point of a gun.

Lobell, who makes his headquarters at the Bethel street auto stand, claims that Johnson held him up just after midnight, sticking a gun in his face and asking for money. Lobell argued with Johnson and during the delay Manuel Correa, who was with him in the front seat of the machine, slipped away and called police headquarters.

Sizemore hurried to Lobell's assistance and surprised Johnson by coming up on him with a gun leveled at his head. The prisoner was turned over to the military authorities Thursday morning.

Three months was the sentence given A. Ferreira yesterday on the charge that he cheated a Chinese boy out of \$10 by promising to get him a job which he had no chance of securing. This was the sixth time that Ferreira has been up on this charge.

GEORGE O. HENRY, formerly wagon master for the government and an old resident of the islands, has recently made a change of business by purchasing a large rooming house at 351 Vineyard street. The purchase was made on October 15. There are 20 rooms in the establishment and it will be known as the Ingleside. The purchase price was \$1800.

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